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ANKARA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

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SUBJECT: SOVIET/GDR PROTEST AGAINST GENSCHER'S
PRESENCE WITH SECRETARY

1. NEUS DEUTSCHLAND MAY 22 CARRIES SEPARATE ADN
ARTICLES REPORTING STATEMENT BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR
ABRASIMOV AND COMMENTARY CRITICIZING PRESENCE OF
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IN BERLIN DURING SECRETARY'S
VISIT. ABRASIMOV STATEMENT SAID SIGNIFICANCE OF QA
FOR RESIDENTS OF WEST BERLIN IN PARTICULAR WAS
CORRECTLY POINTED OUT IN SECRETARY'S SPEECH DURING HIS
VISIT, BUT THAT "ILLEGAL STEPS" DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE
THAT WEST BERLIN FORMED PART OF FRG MUST BE REGARDED AS
FAILING TO SERVE DETENTE AND SECURITY. STATEMENT
CONCLUDED "ONLY POLITICALLY NAIVE PERSONS COULD VIEW
THE RECENT VISIT OF THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTER TO
WEST BERLIN DIFFERENTLY." SHORTER ADN COMMENTARY,
ENTITLED "ARROGATION OF AUTHORITY BY FRG FOREIGN
MINISTER," NOTED THAT GENSCHER PARTICIPATED IN
CEREMONY OF WEST BERLIN PARLIAMENT, AND SAID ALL
OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES OF FONMIN IN
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WEST BERLIN WERE CLEAR-CUT VIOLATION OF QA, WHICH

PROVIDED THAT WEST BERLIN DID NOT BELONG TO WEST
BERLIN AND MIGHT NOT BE GOVERNED BY IT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES WHICH WE HAVE
BEGUN TO RECEIVE, WE PROPOSE SUBJECT
TO APPROVAL ADDRESSES TO RESPOND THAT AS
SECRETARY POINTED OUT DURING COURSE OF HIS VISIT,
US FAITHFULLY ADHERES TO QA. THERE IS CERTAINLY
NOTHING IN AGREEMENT WHICH RESTRICTS PRESENCE OF FRG
FOREIGN MINISTER IN CITY, AND IT WAS NATURAL FOR
GENSCHER TO BE HERE DURING VISIT OF A CLOSE COLLEAGUE. GEORGE

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